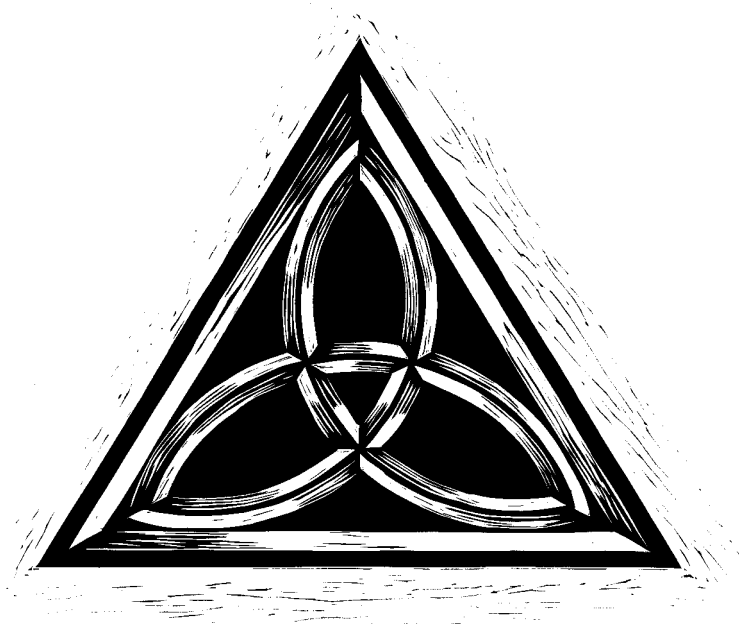


St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

ELW Pg. 152

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

R. Peace be with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW Pg. 94-96

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of
sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and un-
known, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us
by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with
Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty
God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through
faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (v. 1-3)

ELW #413

INTROIT with Psalm 16:8

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW Pg. 147

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Father we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You**

**Jesus we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You**

**Spirit we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING:**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the

darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created

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Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 8

- ¹O LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ²**Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- ³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- ⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- ⁶**You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:

⁸**All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰**O LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Spirit of the Living God

SCREEN

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

***GOSPEL:**

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing twice)

ELW #857

CREED

***Apostle’s Creed**

ELW Pg. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184

OFFERTORY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW #884

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread

from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

ELW Pg. 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory

as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW Pg. 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

Let us pray.

O Lord, we exalt Your name.

Your majesty and love is seen through all that You have crafted.

Trees, bushes, birds, and animals praise you, our Creator.

Your grace took form in the babe in the Bethlehem manger.

Your grace took form through the teachings and healings from Your Son.

Your grace took form upon altar of the cross as Jesus bears our sins.

Your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation,

calls us to be relationship with you through Jesus, our Savior,

and draws us to the empty tomb to celebrate "Christ is Risen from the grave".

Bless us as our Savior is in the bread and wine embracing us with your forgiving grace.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

SCREEN

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come to the Table (sing twice)

ELW #481

All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1-3, 7)

SCREEN

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us and sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:

O praise Him! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.

O praise Him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,

Providing us with warmth and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

7 Let all things their Creator bless
and worship God in humbleness.
O praise him! Alleluia!
Oh praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW #673

DECLARATION OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

SENDING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW #834

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! And follow Jesus!

Thanks be to God!



Flowers are give to the Glory of God by the
Butch Seeker Family in
memory of LaNell Seeker
and in honor of our Church Family.

Attendance Cards

Please remember to complete an attendance card each week. Update any change of address or phone number on the back of the card. We are updating our membership rolls to make sure that the information we have is up to date. Also, please use your offering envelopes provided to insure that your envelopes are counted properly and for future tax purposes. Thanks.

Luther League

Meets today, 6-4-23, at 2:00PM at Horseshoe Junction.

Young Women's Circle

The June meeting is today, 6-4-23 at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall.

Photo Directory Team

A photo directory team is being formed and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Norm or the church secretary know.

Special Fund Envelope for June is the **Great Commission Fund of the NALC.**

Church Library

Come visit the new library located across from the Pastor's office. Many adult and children books are available to be checked out. There are also items within the library to be purchased by donation.

Choir Practice

Choir practices are held on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. The choir is looking for members of the congregation to join and share their voices. The choir sings on the last Sunday of each month. Come share your talent with us!

2023 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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the following ways:
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Bible Study Series

**A weekly Bible study is being held each Monday at 10:00AM.
Please join in this learning opportunity and for the
fellowship.**



Monday, June 5th

10:00AM Bible Study

6:00PM Executive Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th

9:00AM Music Planning Team

6:30PM Rachel Circle

Wednesday, June 7th

6:30PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 8th

2:00PM Ladies Aid

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is July 31-August 4th. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the next blood drive to be held July 30th. Please consider donating the "Gift of Life".

Prayer Requests for our Church Family:

Mavis Smith Janice Cordova Sydney Wagner Florence Bentke
Gilbert Spinn Helen Gaskamp Cynthia Wilson Linda King Jerry Rander-
mann Mary Ann Luce Connie Seward Dorothy Wiesepepe Mark
Marburger Tom Bentke Earline Moody Verna Mae Sefcik Ruth Finke
Peggy & Milton Bosse Donald Lange Emery & Helen Schulze Carol Crosby Mike Altman Dennis Moehlmann
Sandy Kite Diana Williams Lloyd Neutzler Evelyn Thielemann Mollie Grote



Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries: Robert Urbanovsky, Gracie Westerfeld, Annie Hernandez and Alex Rosenbaum

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Jentri & Justin Blake and Jennifer & William Anderson

Prayer Requests for Our Family and Friends:

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| Aaron Batot | Gladys Schwartz | Patty Addicks |
| Amanda Gurka | Glyn Spiess | Roger Ellermann |
| Ann Fogt | James Lee | Rosemary Gaskamp |
| Brent Dorman | Kennedy Altman | Shannon Wellmann |
| Carol Lieber | Larry Dean Koch | Sue Maass |
| Christie Portis | Mark Hundemer | Wayne Hueske |
| Christy Dallmeyer | Mike McIntyre | William Richter |
| Dawn Sulaica | Missy Goldmith | Please notify the church office of |
| Dorothy Bowles | Nicole Clark | prayer requests by writing a note on the |
| | | back of your attendance card. Thanks. |

There are still a few 2023 member offering envelopes to be picked up in the Narthex.



The 2023 flower chart is posted in the Annex so that you may sign up to place flowers in the church. Please check the chart for available dates.

REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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NALC Disaster Response Kit Packing List



The following items are being collected for the months of May, June and July to donate to the NALC Disaster Response. We would like to be able to fulfill the need of 50 kits each month. A monetary donation in lieu of the supplies can be made payable to St John Lutheran Church indicating NALC Disaster Response. Items may be left in the Narthex area on right side upon entry

For the month of May - Health Care Kit

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers

For the month of June - Flood Buckets

- 1 five gallon bucket w/lid
- 1 jug bleach (1/2 gallon or smaller)
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 2 rags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- Scrub brush
- Gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - *rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - *leather
 - *cotton

For the month of July - Elementary

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket holders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers

So,
I am
with
you
always

Matthew 28:20